

The Clutter Music House!

Music in the Home



Is an assurance of happiness, peace, contentment, harmony; it means a happy home. Father, mother, is there music in your home? Have you given your children a handsome Piano, around which the family and friends may gather and sing the song of "Auld Lang Syne?" Would this happy Christmas be a good time to

Put a Piano in the Home for \$1.50

a week with a first payment of only \$10. Such little payments make it easy to get one, and—do you think you are treating your family right not to provide a Piano for the home? See us to-day and let us talk this matter over.

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stands out prominently, alone and at the head of all classes because of its superiority of tone and construction. This famous Piano has greater length of strings, greater sounding board surface, greater tonal capacity, and larger open space behind the keys than any other Piano of equal dimensions. Not a screw or other metallic substance penetrates the soundboard or bridges, making sweetness and fullness of tone as time goes on. You know many pianos grow "old" with age. The Kranich & Bach grows newer. These are only a few of the many, many reasons for its great superiority.



The Lester Piano is a Marvel of Construction.



It is all that a high-class instrument should be and meets absolutely every requirement that can possibly be made by both singer and player. The action is unusually accurate. The most delicate touch brings an immediate response rich in tone and singing quality.

THE CLUTTER PIANO.

A Modern Piano at a Moderate Price.

This is a Piano of special excellence at a very moderate price, indeed.

The Clutter

is substantially made throughout of the best known materials to withstand this damp climate. All bass strings are copper and are genuine copper wound, which will prevent rust and thereby lengthen its life. The tone is rich, mellow and delightful. We know the Piano is as good as we recommend it to be—'twould be bad business policy to give it our name if not absolutely true in every detail. Will be delighted to show it to you.

The Vocalion Organ

For Congregational Singing, is undoubtedly entitled to the distinction of "Leader." The tone is distinctively its own, the organ throughout being designed on scientific knowledge of vocal accompaniment. Congregations or other bodies having need of an organ are cordially invited to call, or drop a note that you are interested and our representative will call and see you.



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Those lovely Silk Suspenders, with silver buckles, would make a nice Christmas present. Buy a pair at

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LETTER WRITTEN IN PENSACOLA 83 YEARS AGO

Grandfather of W. S. Keyser Tells of Yellow Fever Here at That Time.

A few days ago, in looking over some old family letters, W. S. Keyser came across a letter written Aug. 19, 1822, from Pensacola by his grandfather, John Keyser, to the latter's brother Joseph C. Keyser, in Philadelphia.

The reference to the existence of yellow fever in Pensacola at that time—83 years ago—is interesting and particularly so, as the writer of the letter himself died of the fever about a month after he wrote the letter which is given below:

An Old Letter.
Pensacola, Fla., August 19th, 1822.

Dear Brother—I received yours of the 16 of July and am much pleased to hear of your safe arrival. The schooner "Cheves" has not yet arrived here, but I have not a doubt she will be in in a few days. I have a prospect of chartering the schooner and make a sale of the flour to go to The Havana, on her arrival.

In the last letter you have a statement of our market and what will answer, which you may be governed by in sending out a cargo.

I am pleased to see the prices of cotton get down, as we have not a bale on hand, and we shall have a better opportunity to do well in the article this season. The crops of cotton are very abundant this season, and the quality so far appears to be very fine.

I have got the stores up one story, and hope to have them raised in about two weeks.

Mr. Hunter has commenced building two stores, for which we have sold him the brick, and Wyatt has agreed to do the work.

Business is entirely at a standstill at present, owing to an alarm of the Yellow Fever, which has not been without cause, but I believe to be entirely unsubstantiated. I shall send you a paper, and you can then see in what manner it originated. There is not a doubt but what it was introduced here by the brig Franklin from Havana, which lost several with the yellow fever coming here. The brig also had 60 hogheads of roxton cod fish landed here which was enough to poison the whole town, but the Board of Health has taken such steps to cleanse the town, that we have not had a case of fever for the last five days, and believe rest in perfect

safety as to the fever.

I shall now give you the names that died, viz:

Mrs. Delbarco, died of an illness of about three days.

Miss Benson, Miss Kehr, the sister of Mrs. Shields, about four days' illness.

Mrs. Studson and her daughter, about the same time.

Captain Gerrish, who was in Allen & Wilson's employ; a son of Major Hannum, which you probably recollect. There has been about three deaths more which I do not recollect the names. About as many more had the disease who recovered, but I am happy to say there is not a case that I can learn at present, and as I am on the Board of Health, I have an opportunity to ascertain every case, as we meet every day to hear the report of the physicians, and not having a case for the last five days, we may feel perfectly easy from the care that is now taken to enforce our Quarantine laws.

I was in hopes to have heard from you again by the last mail, as I am anxious to hear from you.

Give my love to father and mother, and also the rest of the family. Brother sends his love to you all.

I shall write you more particularly by the next mail.

I remain,

Yours, etc.,
(S.) JOHN KEYSER.

To Joseph C. Keyser, Cape Bevan & Porter, Merchants, Philadelphia, Pa.

DENTAL NOTICE

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Kandy Kitchen Cafe

104 S. Palafox. Phone 999

REMINISCENCES OF RECONSTRUCTION

(Continued from Seventeenth Page)

Cooper was the senator from St. John's county, and by some oversight had been made chairman of the committee on privileges and elections. Charley's morals were kept on a high shelf in plain view, and he had not experienced the delights of negro domination, so he decided in his "goody, goody" way that Cobb should be seated as senator from Escambia—deposing Mallory.

Some of us who were in the habit of loafing around Tallahassee to learn what our legislators were doing, found ourselves in a pack of trouble. The brilliant idea that relieved us and gave a good attorney general to the state, was either Crill's (then senator from Putnam, and one of the very ablest of public men that the state has ever had) or that noblest old Roman of all the state, Judge McWhorter. Governor Perry was looking around trying to settle on desirable men for the various cabinet positions. The suggestion that saved us from utter rout, in the Cobb contest, was to have Charley Cooper appointed attorney general and sworn in "mucho pronto" (much quick).

Last Dying Struggle.

We brought to bear on Perry all the influence possible, as it had to be done in a few hours if it was to serve our purpose. Cooper was called into the governor's office, appointed and promptly sworn in as attorney general and a vacancy was created in the senate. But of greater importance to us was the fact that a vacancy was made in the position of chairman of the committee on privileges and elections of the senate. The rest was easy and Cobb lost in his efforts to be seated as senator from Escambia. It was the last dying struggle of the negro party of any importance in Escambia county.

I believe the means justified the ends in all such cases. The better class of republicans never appreciated the horrors of negro domination. Many of the educated, respectable republicans acted with the white party in all local elections, only acting with their party in national affairs.

I am an old man, near the end, with no desire or inclination to commit crime, but I would commit any crime necessary to prevent negro domination over the white people of the south. I most earnestly urge all white men to refuse to act with any party, or portions of parties, that use the negro voter. It is dangerous; it is playing with fire that can easily become destructive. In every community where there is a considerable number of negroes, stick absolutely, solidly to white primaries. Using the negro in politics is injurious to the negro and dangerous to the white man.

S. S. HARVEY.

AN INSURANCE COMPANY THAT ESCAPED.

Read what the New York Herald says of the investigation of the Home Life Insurance Company. The Herald of Dec. 10, said:

Mr. Hughes practically finished his inquiry into the affairs of the Home Life Insurance Company, of this city without having found anything scandalous in connection with its affairs. So much could hardly have been said of any other company that has yet come under his scrutiny. His inquiry was no less searching than heretofore, but the officers of this company apparently survived it unscathed.

George E. Ide, president of the company, testified that his company deals with no particular brokerage house, has joint accounts with no banker or broker, has no investment exceeding \$10,000 in any trust company or bank and that neither his company nor any of its officers has ever taken part in syndicate participations.

During nearly twenty years the company's surplus has not been largely increased. The witness explained this by the statement that he thought the surplus reserve sufficiently large in proportion to the company's assets and believed the policy holders should share in any excess. The excess in the company's earnings from year to year head, therefore, been credited regularly in the shape of dividends to the policy holders.

When Mr. Mr. Hughes asked the witness to tell him frankly if he were seeking life insurance whether he would advise him to take out a deferred dividend or an annual dividend policy, Mr. Ide said he would distinctly advise the deferred dividend policy "provided an annual accounting was offered." Otherwise he said he would not so advise. As stated by the Herald yesterday, the Armstrong committee is likely to urge legislation making some accounting obligatory upon all companies dealing in deferred dividend policies.

Mr. Ide said he knew of no other New York company which makes an annual accounting on deferred dividends, such as the Home Life has maintained for twenty years.

This company is represented in Pensacola by

Geo. P. Wentworth,
General Agent,

Wm. C. Hooton, Asst. Gen. Agt.,

Fisher Building, 204 1-2 S. Palafox Street.